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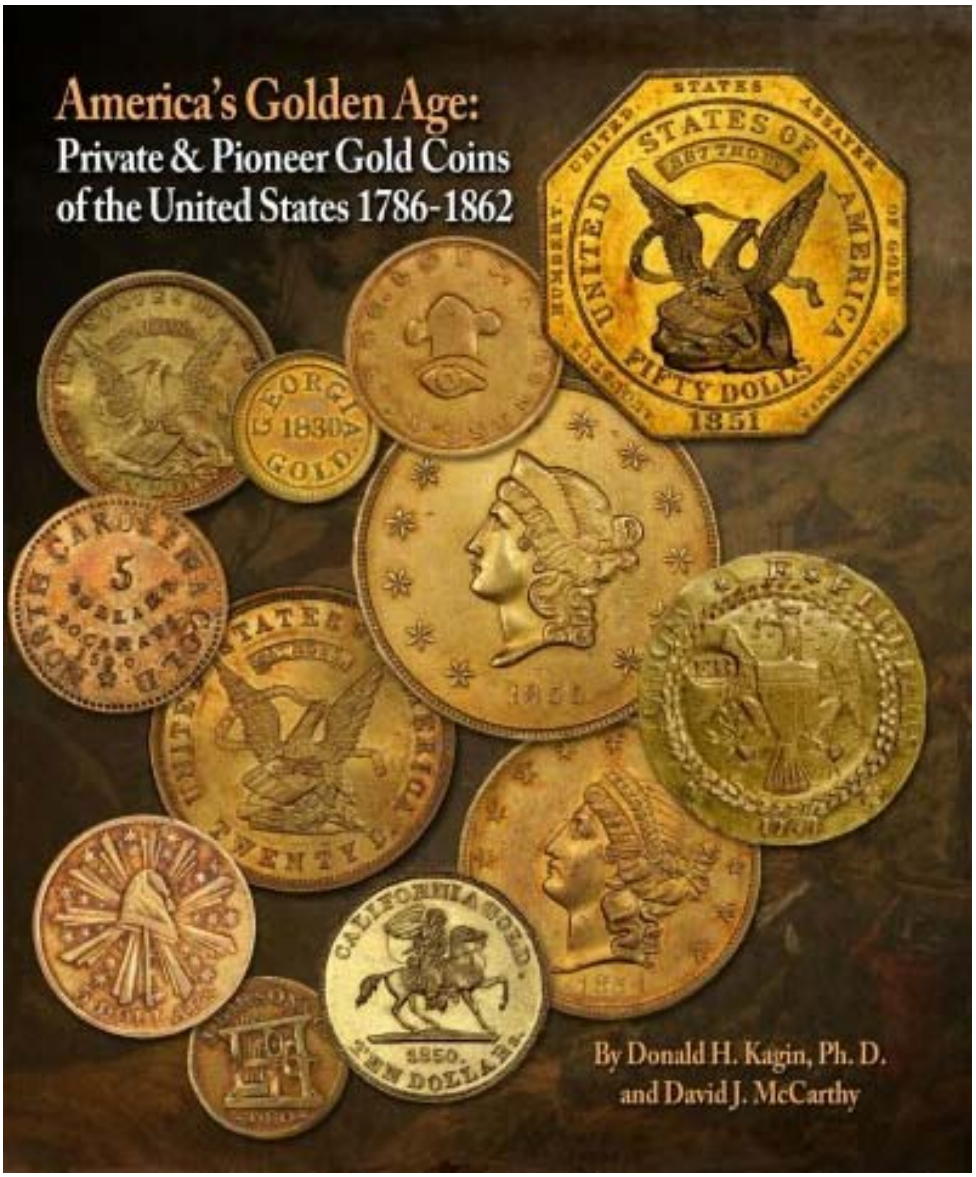

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE — September 2023

Lavar Burton

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi UNS Club members

We had a total of 44 in attendance at our Aug. meeting, three were guests, one joined. as a new member, his name is Braeden McKee. We welcome him to our Club.

I want to thank Bruce Greggs for his coin quiz, John Hinckley for News & Views. They both had Mini Exhibits. Thanks to Sherry Gunderson and Jan Reninger for the Refreshments.

There were many tables set up for bourse night, The Club members had a lot of coins for sale, I hope you were able to add to your collection.

This month we will have David Larsen as our guest speaker. He will show us ways to put a coin exhibit together for our upcoming coin show. This will help you win “Best of Show” or “People's Choice” awards.

Thanks to all.

LaVar Burton President

Contents & Agenda For September 12, 2023

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Meeting , September 12, 2023, 7PM

Meeting location is:

Columbus Center - 2530 South 500 East —Salt Lake City

UNS CALENDAR FOR 2023

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Swearing in new officers Coin show info Board members intro.	Guest Speaker / TBA **Dues Renewal**	Auction No News & Views or Quiz **Dues Renewal**	Guest Speaker Ogden Coin Show/Layton **Dues Renewal**
MAY	**JUNE**	**JULY**	**AUGUST**
Club Birthday Medals Voting Club Members speaking - Favorite coin/How you got	Youth Night NUTS Coin Show 9-10	UNS Picnic	Bourse
SEPTEMBER	**OCTOBER**	**NOVEMBER**	**DECEMBER**
Successful Coin Displays David Larson	Auction No News & Views or Quiz	Guest Speaker / TBA	Christmas Dinner

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1815/2 Half Dollar O-101, R.1
XF45 PCGS. CAC

1819/8 Half Dollar Large 9
Early Die State, O-103, R.5
MS64 PCGS

1827 Half Dollar Square Base 2
O-148, R.6
VF35 PCGS

1827 Half Dollar Square Base 2
O-144, R.5
AU53 PCGS

1827/6 Half Dollar O-102, R.1
MS66 PCGS

1828 Half Dollar Square Base 2, Small 8s
Small Letters, O-119, R.3
MS62 PCGS

1828 Half Dollar Curl Base 2, Knob
O-107, R.1
MS65 PCGS

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1837 Half Dollar GR-12, R.2
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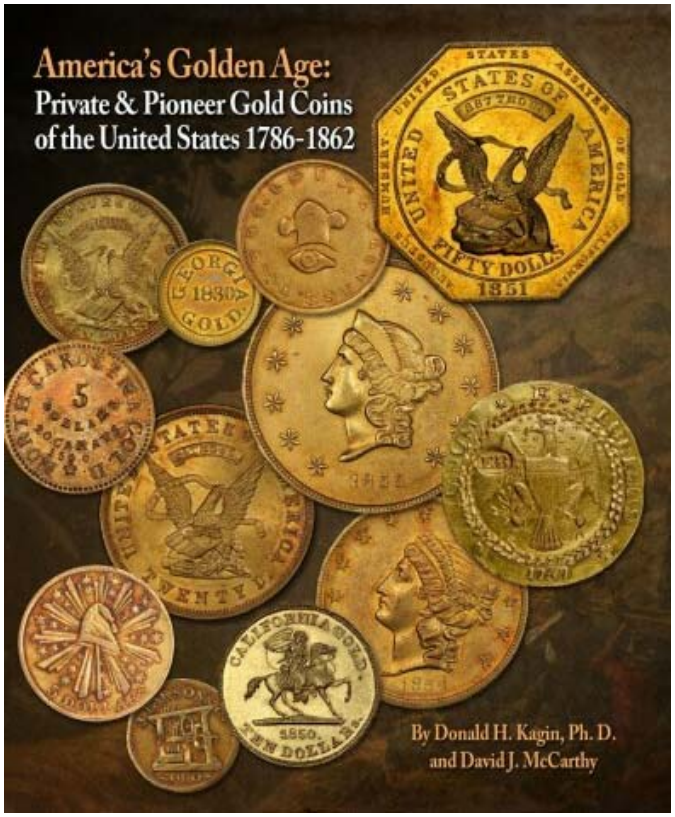
SPECIAL BOOK REVIEW

AMERICA'S GOLDEN AGE:

Private & Pioneer Gold Coins of the United States 1786-1862

By Donald H. Kagin, Ph.D. and David J. McCarthy



The book on Pioneer and Territorial gold has arrived. This follows up Donald Kagins 1981 book on territorial gold, but as stated, is not a second edition. This book is a work that should appeal to everyone who in interested in history, numismatics, and gold coinage whether they have ever owned, or desire to own a piece of history from the many territorial and private mints that operated in our nation from 1786 to 1862.

This is more than a reference book, it is a beautiful coffee table sized book which displays virtually every gold coin privately minted in the United States. Each page or pages have oversize images of the top graded examples of the type and variety from each mint. Additionally, as the majority of these masterpieces from private mints are rare or very rare, their rarity ratings and comments about known examples are stated. Also, each mint has a multi-page historical writeup and each of its coins are described.

The book is formatted in chronological order beginning with the Brasher Doubloons of 1786 then onto the southern mints of Templeton Reed and Christopher Bechtler. Next the mints in Oregon and Utah (Mormon) who struck some of the earliest coins from Caifornia gold. Notably the Mormon $20 coin were the first of that denomination ever struck in the United States. Extensively covered is the California controversary and government intervention beginning in 1850 and the state assay office and regulation of private coinage. The Moffatt and Humbert coinage among others leading to the establishment of the San Francisco mint are well discussed. Finally the coins which came from the Colorado gold rush emanating from Clark & Gruber and others followed by the final coin from Utah and the Mormons are discussed.

The book is published in an oversize coffee table size of 12x10 and printed in high quality heavyweight paper in full color. There, in addition to outstanding pictures of each coin are included many historical photographs in each chapter. Each coin is shown enlarged to several times its original size to show all the details as well as pictured in it original size. The book consists of 232 pages and has a list price of $99.99. It can be ordered directly from Kagins on line or by callng 888-852-4467. Once again, this is a book that belongs on the bookshelf of every serious collector and historian.

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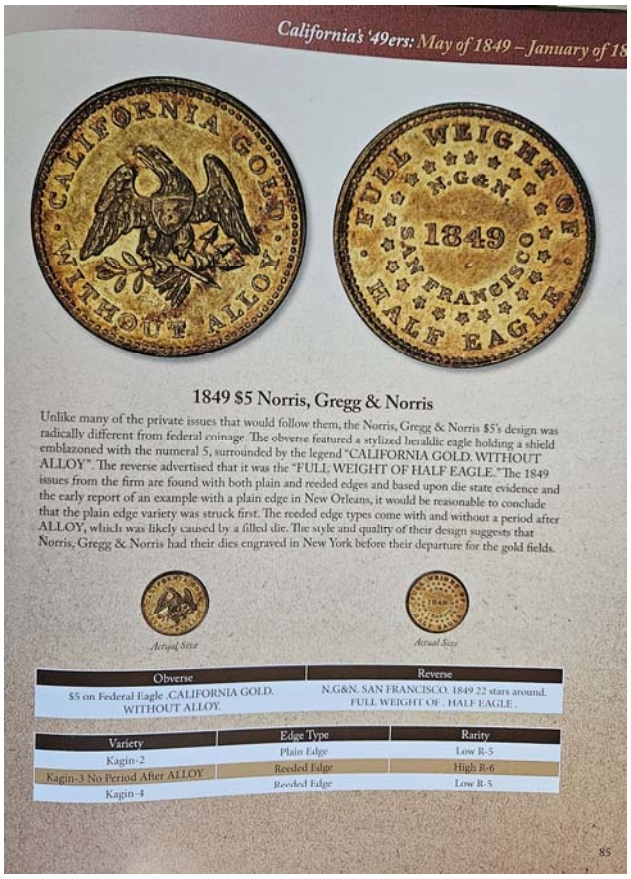

1849 $5 Norris, Gregg & Norris

Unlike many of the private issues that would follow them, the Norris, Gregg & Norris $5's design was radically different from federal coinage. The obverse featured a stylized heraldic eagle holding a shield emblazoned with the numeral 5, surrounded by the legend "CALIFORNIA GOLD. WITHOUT ALLOY". The reverse advertised that it was the "FULL WEIGHT OF HALF EAGLE." The 1849 issues from the firm are found with both plain and reeded edges and based upon die state evidence and the early report of an example with a plain edge in New Orleans, it would be reasonable to conclude that the plain edge variety was struck first. The reeded edge types come with and without a period after ALLOY, which was likely caused by a filled die. The style and quality of their design suggests that Norris, Gregg & Norris had their dies engraved in New York before their departure for the gold fields.

Actual Size *Actual Size*

Obverse	Reverse
$5 on Federal Eagle. CALIFORNIA GOLD. WITHOUT ALLOY.	N.G&N. SAN FRANCISCO. 1849. 22 stars around. FULL WEIGHT OF . HALF EAGLE .

Variety	Edge Type	Rarity
Kagin-2	Plain Edge	Low R-5
Kagin-3 No Period After ALLOY	Reeded Edge	High R-6
Kagin-4	Reeded Edge	Low R-5

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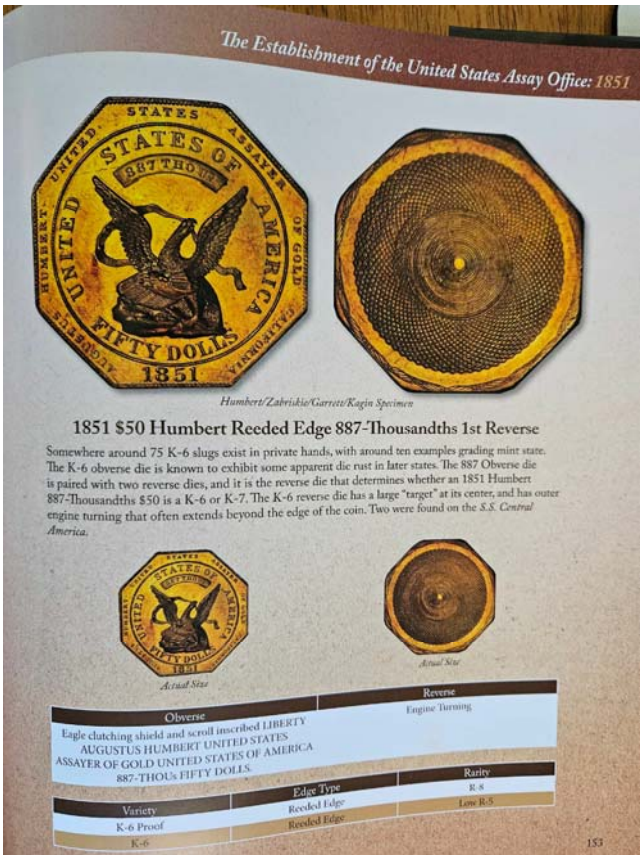

Humbert/Zabriskie/Garrett/Kagin Specimen

1851 $50 Humbert Reeded Edge 887-Thousandths 1st Reverse

Somewhere around 75 K-6 slugs exist in private hands, with around ten examples grading mint state. The K-6 obverse die is known to exhibit some apparent die rust in later states. The 887 Obverse die is paired with two reverse dies, and it is the reverse die that determines whether an 1851 Humbert 887-Thousandths $50 is a K-6 or K-7. The K-6 reverse die has a large "target" at its center, and has outer engine turning that often extends beyond the edge of the coin. Two were found on the *S.S. Central America*.

Actual Size *Actual Size*

Obverse	Reverse
Eagle clutching shield and scroll inscribed LIBERTY AUGUSTUS HUMBERT UNITED STATES ASSAYER OF GOLD UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 887-THOUs FIFTY DOLLS.	Engine Turning

Variety	Edge Type	Rarity
K-6 Proof	Reeded Edge	R-8
K-6	Reeded Edge	Low R-5

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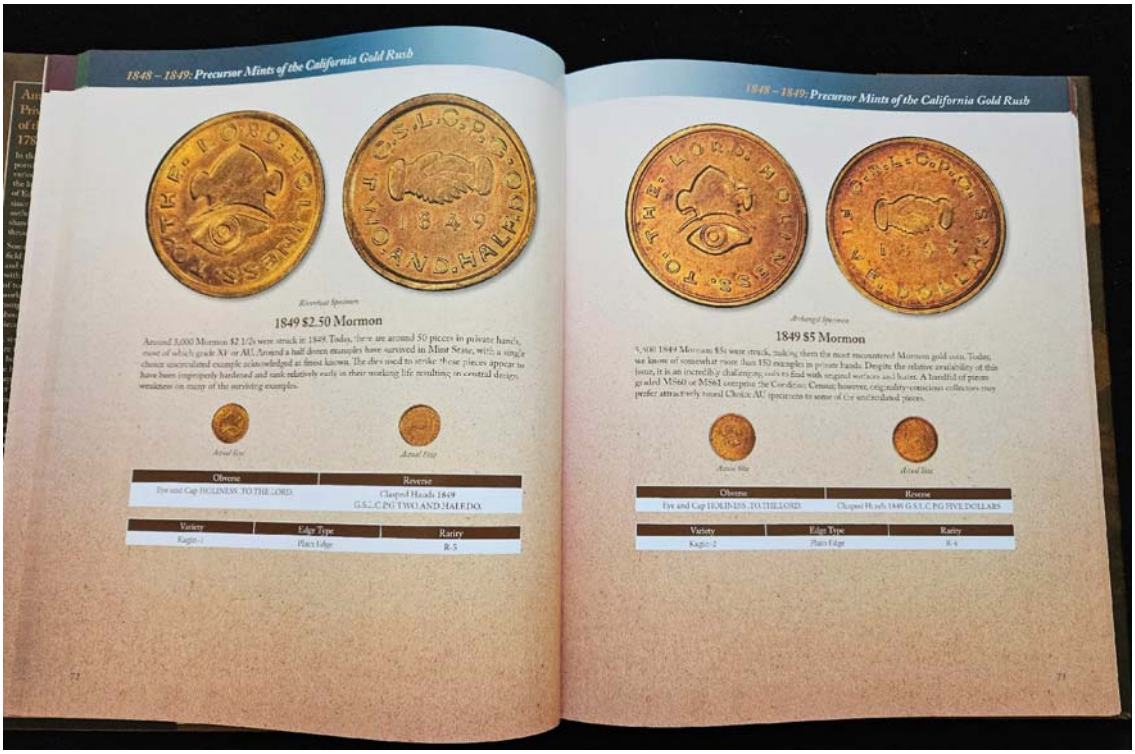
1848 – 1849: Precursor Mints of the California Gold Rush
1849 $2.50 Mormon
1848 – 1849: Precursor Mints of the California Gold Rush
1849 $5 Mormon

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1969-S Lincoln Cent. FS-101.
Doubled Die Obverse.
MS-63+ RD (PCGS). CAC.
Realized: $72,000
A very strong bid, well above the PCGS Price Guide value of $55,000.

1821 Capped Bust Quarter. B-5.
Rarity-7+ as a Proof.
Proof-64 (PCGS).
Realized: $252,000
All time highest price realized, surpassing the $235,000 record for a PCGS Proof-67 sold in 2015.

1815 Capped Head Left Half Eagle.
BD-1. Rarity-7.
MS-64 (PCGS).
Realized: $720,000
A fabulous price realized, surpassed only by the MS-65 Pogue example.

1870-CC Liberty Head Eagle. Winter 1-A.
AU-58 (PCGS). CAC.
Realized: $1,080,000
Surged passed the PCGS Price Guide value of $750,000 and realized more than three times the CAC CPG value!

1819 Capped Head Left Half Eagle.
BD-1. Rarity-6+. 5D/50.
MS-64 (PCGS). CAC.
Realized: $384,000
A record price, surpassing results achieved even by higher graded examples!

1792 Half Disme. LM-1, Judd-7,
Pollock-7. Rarity-4.
Fine-15 (PCGS). CAC.
Realized: $120,000
Shattered the previous record for the grade by nearly three times!

1828 Capped Bust Half Dollar.
O-118a. Unique as a Proof.
Square Base 2, Small 8s, Large Letters.
Proof-58 (PCGS).
Realized: $192,000
A world record for any 1828 half dollar variety in any designation.

1830 Capped Head Left Half Eagle.
BD-1. Rarity-6. Large D.
MS-66 (PCGS). CAC.
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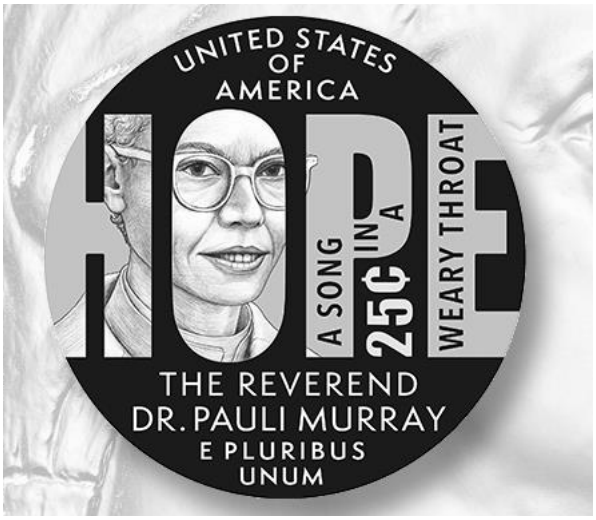
UGLY COINS

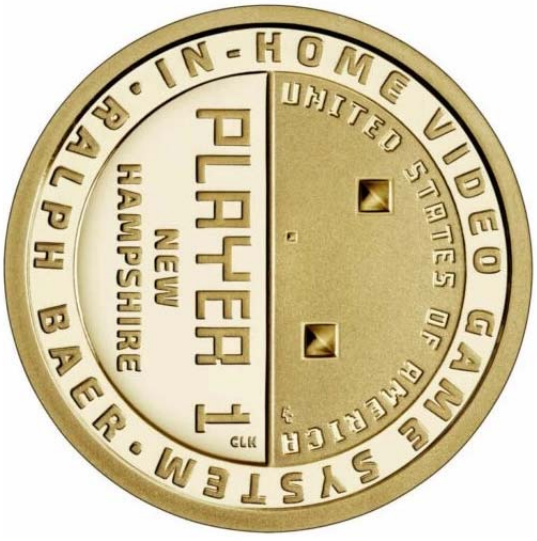
Doug Nyholm

I recently received the August 14th edition of Coin World with the cover story "US Mint Unveils 2024 Quarters." Shown was the 2024 coin recognizing Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray. Now, I have no idea who this person is and very possibly she is deserving of being recognized on a coin, but in looking at the image of the coin it strikes me of a totally hideous design. But then I am a collector who appreciates the designs from 100-150 years ago that depicted allegorical figures and designs presenting Liberty in various artistic forms. Many people admire the St. Gaudens design on the $20 gold coin minted from 1907-1933 as one of, if not, the most beautiful US coin. Other classic designs which have also been adopted and re-used on our modern bullion coins is the Mercury or Winged Head of Liberty designed by Adolph Weinman. The classic Buffalo Nickel design from 1913-1938 designed by James Earle Fraser which has also been adopted for use on modern Gold Bullion coins and finally, another design by Adolph Weinman used on Half Dollars from 1916-1947 has now graced our Silver Bullion coins for almost half a century.



The beginning of the end of classic beautiful coinage was at the end of the Indian Head Cent in 1909 after 50 years of production at which time the era of dead Presidents took over our coinage. Don't get me wrong, Abraham Lincoln was a great man, but I am just not an advocate for dead Presidents on our coinage.

Getting back to our current coinage designs which began with the statehood quarters, they were all different with usually a state theme many times something in nature. This brought tens of thousands of people into our hobby. Unfortunately, many thought that by collecting them that they would soon become valuable, or at least worth more than their face value. I just recently purchased a coin collection and took about $2000 face value of these rolls to the bank. Anything minted today in quantities in the hundreds of millions will never be worth a significant premium in our lifetime, if then. Then came the National Park issues which were collected even less. Then the Presidential dollars which ceased general circulation part way into the series. Initial mintages dramatically went down due to lack of demand even for the collector only issues.



Today we have the Innovation Dollars which are also generally horrible in their design with the date and mintmark

placed on the edge. I personally know of absolutely no one who collects them.

Now we have come to the women on our quarters and it seems like most of the general public does not know who these women are on these quarters. The artistic designs have further gone downhill. Politics have taken over who and what now appears on our coinage. Do you know anyone who actively collects any of these modern issues?

I am writing this while on a camping trip and blindly showed a picture of several of the 2024 designs to a fellow camper who has no interest in collecting coins. She, to my surprise, said she kind of liked several of the designs and it is a good idea to recognize famous people, women, or otherwise on our coins. Other than my pointing out these designs I doubt that this non-collector would have ever given a second glance of who or what is on their pocket change other than it spends. I may be out of touch which may come from my past when collecting Buffalo Nickels and Mercury Dimes from circulation had ties to our country, beauty and Liberty.

In any event, there I said it. Modern coins are generally ugly and inspire nothing of Patriotism, Liberty and Country, at least in me. What do you think?

SEPTERMBER PRIZES

Youth: State Quarter sets 5-coin (2), Apollo 13 Coin
On-time: 2010 First Spouse Bronze Medal Set
Member: 1982 Washington Commemorative Proof Half Dollar

GENERAL PRIZES

Drawing:

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- **1976 Bicentennial Proof Set**
- **1963 $2 FR 1513 X 3 sequential cu**
- **Morgan Dollar in display holder**
- **2009 P Braille Commemorative Proof Dollar**
- **Silver Denarius**
- **1921 Morgan Dollar**
- **AU Peace Dollar**
- **Silver Eagle**
- **1993 Gibraltar Crown Proof Silver**
- **1964 D Kennedy Half FS103 TDO**
- **5 S-Mint Quarters BU**
- **Silver 1/10 oz set**

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Buy-of-the-Month:

For the Buy-of-the-Month, we have a number of very nice 40% Silver Eisenhower Dollars. There are UNC and Proof versions for all the years they were issued. This is a great opportunity to get those hard-to-find silver versions for your sets! The UNC coins will sell for $12 and the Proof coins for $15. Come early to get the best pick.

Thanks to our curator Darin Lee for these prizes.

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SHORT SET OF BUFFALO NICKELS 1934-1938

Doug Nyholm

I thought it might be interesting to assemble a BU set of Buffalo Nickels The dates from 1934-1938 are considered to be a “Short Set” and Capital Plastics has created a lucite holder to display these nickels so I purchased one and started my set. I first attended a coin show in Sandy ready to purchase the 12 nickels required to complete the set. I thought that Buffalo Nickels aren’t really that old and I would have my choice of several coins of each date to fill the holder. I set out to purchase flashy BU examples, raw if possible, but was planning to crack out a certified coin if it met my criteria. I was looking for nickels grading from MS-63 to MS-66.

At the first show I started with a flashy raw 1938-D graded MS-66, which seemed accurate and the price was right. It was a very attractive coin. I was able to find 4 others but was surprised that I couldn't complete the entire set by searching all the dealers at one coin show. A couple of months later at the next show in Sandy I continued my hunt and found five more in nice condition but was again surprised that other than a single date, the 1937-D, there were no equivalent duplicates on the floor. Finally, needing only the 1934 and 1934-D I went to see Bob Campbell at All About Coins in Salt Lake and found that he was also lacking these last two coins I needed. Bob was going to the Long Beach show the next week and I asked if he could pick up these two coins and was sure when I contacted him the following week he would have the dates I needed. I was very surprised that although looking over the many dealers at Long Beach he came home empty handed. These are not rare coins and I wondered why such an endeavor would be so difficult.

In the meantime I was perusing the ads in Coin World and Numismatic News only to find virtually no listings for choice 1934 or 1934-D Buffalos. Not even for an unreasonable price, raw or certified. I did look at EBay and found a couple of possibilities but decided not to order them.

Next step I asked Bob to search at the ANA in Pittsburg for them as he would be in attendance. Upon his re-

turn I finally was able to pick up these last two coins to complete my set. The 1934 was a raw example graded MS-64 while the 1934-D was also graded MS-64 in an old green PCGS holder. Bob reported that even at the ANA he did quite a bit of searching in order to locate them.

Up until now all my coins purchased were raw and fit nicely into my Capital holder. I now have a dilemma, should I crack out the 1934-D in a PCGS OGH holder to place it in the Capitol holder or not? My gut feeling is to leave it housed in the PCGS holder and display it next to the Capitol holder.

My conclusions from this endeavor is that coin collecting is virtually always a challenge, especially if you are looking for something with a specific appearance and/or grade. What may at the outset appear to be a simple task may, as it was in my Buffalo short set, turn out to be quite challenging.

I have previously owned and sold several complete seta of Buffalo Nickels but none, even short sets, in flashy BU condition. It was a very interesting and informative undertaking. Final note, I spent just over $700 for the set, far more than I expected but have a very nice flashy short set of Buffalo Nickels to add to my collection.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

After finishing this article I opened up my copy of Newmasmatic News which just arrived in the mail. Their item of the week was a 1934-D Buffalo Nickel. It was titled “1934-D Buffalo Nickel Gets Better and Better.”

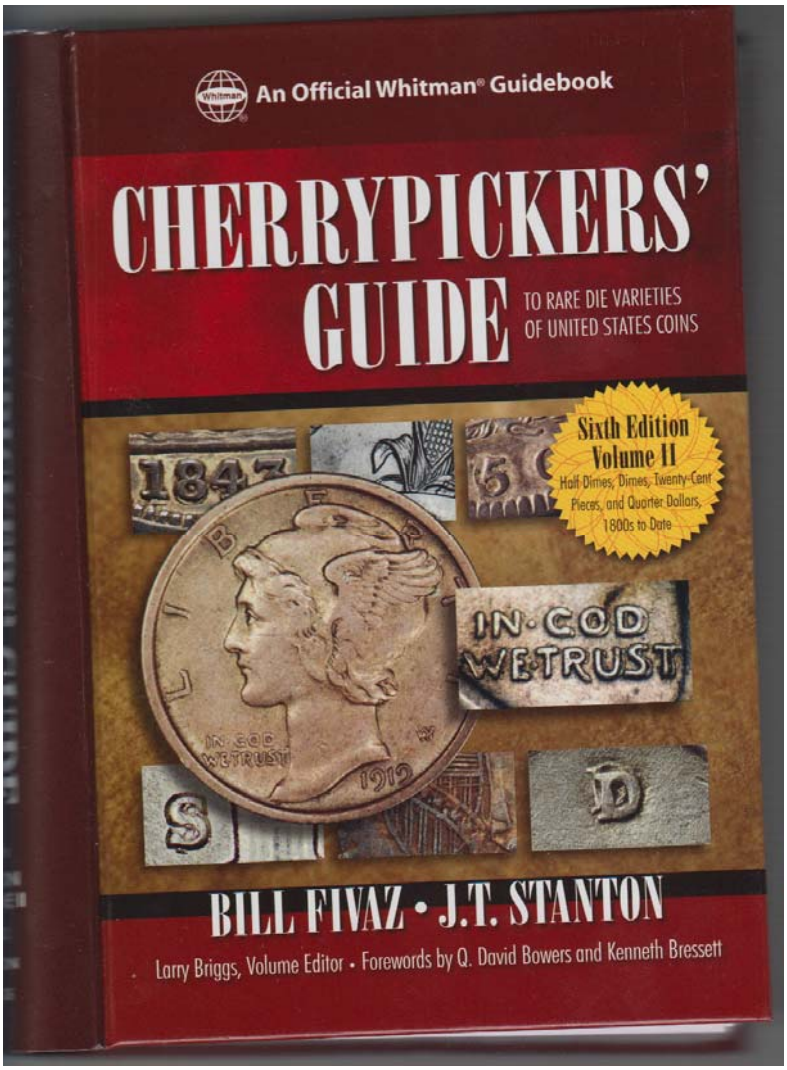
The article stated that Buffalo nickels have not really been in the numismatic limelight and have not seen a lot of activity such as other series. There are no outstanding rarities other than three significant errors, the 1916 DDO, 1918/17-D overdate, and the 1937-D 3-legged Buffalo. A lot of collectors do not include error coins in their sets. This leaves mostly common coins in circulaced grades with only the 1926-S which has a mintage less than 1 million coins and can escalatein value in higher grades.

In regard to the 1934-D the country was in the midst of a depression. Nickels were extensively used in circulation and their value was significant in that economy. Few collectors saved them opting for other coins. Therefor the 1934-D with the lowest mintage in years has now become expensive and scarce in uncirculated grades. There is a reason for just about everything in numismatics.

BOOK REVIEW

Cherrypickers Guide / Sixth Edition Volume II

Bill Fivaz & J.T. Stanton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IN GOD WE TRUST
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The new 6th edition Volume II of the Cherrypickers guide just arrived at my mailbox after debuting at the recent ANA show in Pittsburg. This is actually the ninth book in the Cherrypickers series which began in 1990. The original book covered Flying Eagle Cents to Gold and consisted of about 175 pages. The second and third editions followed in 1991 and 1994 with a greatly expanded number of entries. Beginning in 2000 the editions were split into Volume I which covered Half Cents through Jefferson nickels containing a whopping 422 pages. It wasn't util 2006 that Volume II of this 4th edition was released covering Half Dimes thru Gold and also included classic commemoratives. Volume II contained 488 pages.

Next issued was Volume I of the 5th edition in 2009 while Volume II came three years later in 2012. These combined volumes consisted of 850 pages covering everything from Half Cents to Gold plus commemoratives and bullion.

Finally the 6th Edition Volume I was released in 2015 covering Half Cents thru Nickels and touting over 140 new varieties. It was eight years before Volume II was released. This years edition covers Half Dimes, Dimes, 20 Cents, and Quarters, 1800-Date in 282 pages. In reading the preface it makes comment about a forthcoming Volume III which will cover the remaining denominations of Half Dollars, Silver Dollars, Trade Dollars, Modern Dollars, Gold Coins, Classic Commemoratives and Philippine coins,

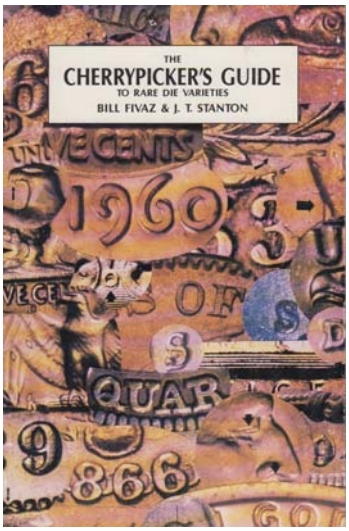
In order to ger the maximum effectiveness out of these Cherrypickers Guides one must use at least the past several volumes and editions as any one does not cover everything. Also, as listed in the current edition prior to each denomination there is a list of removed coins as well as new varieties. The majority of coins removed are ones that as stated were done due to lack of collector interest. Many are minor doubled dies and/or repunched dates or mintmarks.

Another useful feature are notations for where varieties can be found including RB for Red Book variety, MR for Mega Red Book Variety, N-New Listing PC-Pocket Change and YN-Young Numismatist or novice collector.

Many listed varieties can still be identified with some being valued in the hundreds of dollars or higher. Many unidentified varieties are still possible awaiting discovery for both old and modern coins. You could easily pay for the purchase price of this book with just a single discovery.

This 6th Edition Volume II is available directly from Whitman or other book dealers for a very reasonable price of $39.95. It contains 282 pages on standard paper in black and white format. My only criticism of the book is the binding. True, it lies flat when opened which is a plus when identifying varieties but especially when the book is new the double ring metal coil binding causes the pages to stick together at the binding and care must be used in order to prevent tearing.

All in all it is a very worthwhile book which should be in the library of any serious variety collector.



First edition of the CherryPickers Guide

HARRY W. BASS JR. COLLECTION

The final portion of the collection, Part IV concluded at the recent ANA convention.

Highlighted was the 1907 Ultra High Relief St. Gaudens Double Eagle in PCGS Proof-69 sold for $4.32 Million and drew 73 bids. The entire Bass collection (4 Parts) garnered an amazing $83.86 Million.

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Don’t Look / See how many you can get right by memory

1. What year was the last Sacagawea dollar issued for circulation?

A) 1999 **B) 2001**

C) 2005 **D) 2006**

2. What year was the last Presidential Dollar issued for circulation?

A) 2009 **B) 2011**

C) 2013 **D) 2014**

3. In what year was the last Presidential Dollar issued?

A) 2018 **B) 2019**

C) 2020 **D) 2021**

4. The Native American Dollars series were struck for circulation in what year(s)?

A) 2008 **B) 2009**

C) 2010 **D) 2011**

5. Have any American Innovation Dollars ever been struck for circulation?

A) Yes **B) No**

6. Privy marks were added to American Innovation Dollars in what year?

A) 2018 **B) 2019**

C) 2021 **D) 2022**

7. Susan B. Anthony dollars were issued for how many years?

A) 2 **B) 3**

C) 4 **D) 5**

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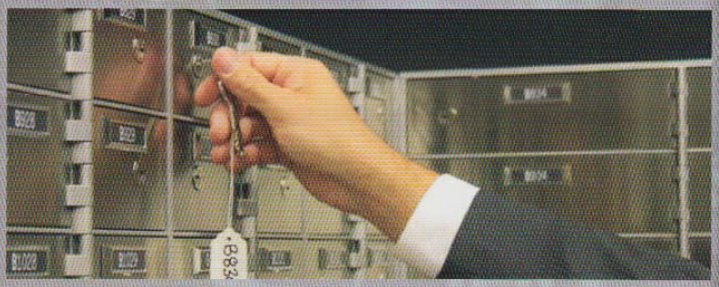

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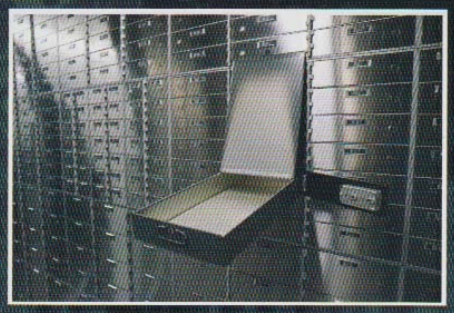

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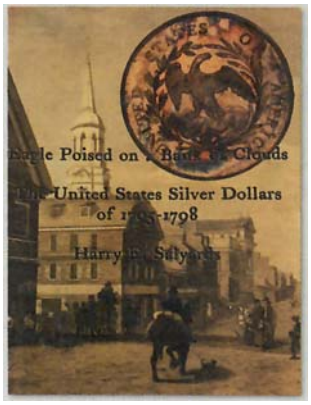
EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Recently there have been quite a few new numismatic books released or announced to be forthcoming. Two of them are reviewed in this Mint Master. One is the new 6th edition Volume II of the Cherrypickers guide. Then, first and foremost is the long awaited book on Pioneer and Territorial gold by Donald Kagin. Please make sure that you take a look at these reviews.

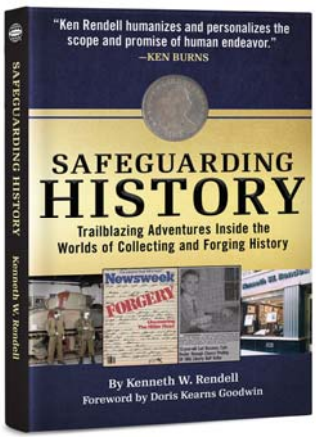
In addition, the Mega Red Book 9th edition was released several weeks ago. This 1,500 page book is a treasure trove on numismatic information from A to Z. This edition features $2.50 gold coins.

Another recent arrival is a book devoted solely to 1839 Philadelphia half dollars by Jim Koenings. It includes 31 varieties mostly Capped Bust design but also covers the 1939 Liberty Seated coins. There are actually quite a few books written about a single date, coin or variety.



I am also waiting on the book coming out by Stacks covering U.S. Treasury Notes From 1812 to 1865. Another book that I have on order is one about early silver dollar varieties entitled "Eagle Perched on a Bank of Clouds: The United States Silver Dollars of 1795-1798" Quite a mouthful, by Harry Salyards. It covers all 13 known varieties in depth and supposedly uncovers multiple myths concerning their production.

Finally I have also ordered a new book from Whitman entitled "Safeguarding History" By Kenneth Rendel. It just sounds like a very interesting title and is due to be shipped in September. So, look forward to some upcoming book reviews.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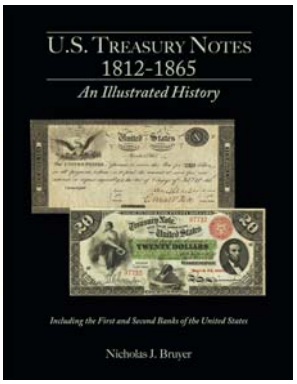

As you know I have a very Extensive numismatic library which I use almost daily for enjoyment and research. Now I don't expect the average collector to amass over 2,000 books and periodicals but I do subscribe to the fact that the more you know about your hobby the better off you will be and your enjoyment will increase.

One other item in numismatics or anything else is that knowledge is power and power equates to money. I urge all of you to add a book or two of interest to your library.

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